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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, U.S.-CHINA  
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11. NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

a. "U.S. puts great emphasis on the nomination of their new  
Ambassador to China"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(05/18): "Obama personally announced that the Governor from Utah, Jon Huntsman, will be the new Ambassador to China. Huntsman is a 'China hand' who is familiar with Chinese issues. He has adopted a Chinese daughter. He is at the top of U.S. headlines for becoming the new Ambassador to China. What is more unusual is that Huntsman's family is famous and he has an invaluable political future. He is the new star of the Republican Party. No Ambassador to China yet has had such a powerful political background. Huntsman's acceptance of the position by giving up his independent political life has shown how attractive the position is. He is capable of attracting more attention from the American public to Beijing.

China is a big country, with an important diplomatic position to the U.S. Thus the nomination for the new U.S. Ambassador to China has been cautious and time-consuming. The Chinese will be satisfied if Huntsman comes to China, because, due to his senior level, he is able to bend the ear of the President. Under emergencies, a quick and accurate transmission of information can avoid crisis. But we still can't say how he will treat China."

b. "From his nomination, one can look at Obama's China-policy"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(05/18): "It is surprising that Obama has nominated Huntsman as the Ambassador to China. This shows that the U.S.-China bilateral relationship is the most important U.S. relationship. The Ambassador to China will be the most important person dealing with the most important relationship. A relationship that is also very unstable. Jon Huntsman has rich and wonderful political experience. Nominating him as the Ambassador is like good steel for a good knife. The Obama administration needs the Republican Party's support in establishing their U.S.-China policy. Huntsman has not only been a member of the Republican Party, but he has also been a strenuous supporter of McCain, who has essential influence in military and diplomatic policy-making decisions in the Senate. The nomination of a Republican as the new Ambassador to China will likely make the dialogue and exchanges between the two countries, concerning human rights and democracy, progress more smoothly. Historically, Jon Huntsman may be the only Ambassador to China, who has a richest history with China. Obama's nomination tells us that he knows that in order to deal with a country; one must lower his position and start from a basic understanding of the country's special history, culture and politics. It is believed that Huntsman's experience in China will make him an outstanding Presidential candidate in 2016."

## 12. U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

"China must increase its purchase of American bonds"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(05/18): "In March, China continued to purchase American bonds by 23.7\$ billion U.S. dollars. Chinese experts believe that increasing the purchase of American bonds is like picking up the least ruined apple from a pile of ruined apples.

Currently, China may have decreased some of its other assets, but it may be increasing its American bonds. It is still unknown when the current financial crisis will end. Looking at the world's market, the situation in Europe and Japan is even worse than in the U.S. When there is no better choice, the U.S. is not a bad choice. Although China will increase its purchase of American bonds, a structural change will take place. This change includes increasing their short-term bonds and decreasing their long-term bonds."

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